

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution – Declaring September Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution declaring the month of September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution declaring the month of September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Henderson County.

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RESOLUTION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** September has been designated as National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, and is intended to affirm the need for suicide prevention awareness, to increase the community’s awareness about suicide’s warning signs, to reduce the stigma associated with suicide, and to advocate for the availability of mental health services to all; and
- WHEREAS,** suicide is an complex, but preventable, health issue that requires compassion, empathy, trust, understanding, and access to professional services; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide rates increased 33% between 1999 and 2019 and suicide was responsible for more than 47,500 deaths in 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34, the fourth leading cause among people ages 35-44, and the fifth leading cause among people ages 45-54; and
- WHEREAS,** suicide and suicide attempts affect the health and well-being of friends, loved ones, co-workers, and the community at large; and
- WHEREAS,** the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and its many partners are committed to caring for our community by sharing resources and advocating for each other;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare the month of September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Henderson County, and encourages our community to work toward creating healthy and strong individuals, families, and communities to help prevent suicide and save lives.

Adopted this the 15th day of September, 2021.

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD